

7.9.2008 - All Roads Lead to a County Fair

It has been
said that "All roads lead to Rome."
In the summer, in southern West
Virginia, however, all roads lead to a county fair or
festival.

Whether its ramps or Railroads, pig
roasts or pumpkin festivals, southern West
Virginians never miss an opportunity to celebrate our Appalachian
heritage and the rich local flavor that makes our region unique. The
biggest of them all, West Virginia's State
Fair, is held annually at the West Virginia State Fair Grounds in Fairlea,
Greenbrier
County.

People come from miles around to
participate in the food and livestock competitions and have fun at these
fairs. While enjoying the food and
festivities, fair visitors are also able to see, hear, touch, smell, and taste the richness and variety of what
southern West
Virginia has to offer.

Nothing says
summer quite like a county fair. They
allow us to reconnect with our roots, relive our childhood, and relish in the
beauty of the Mountain State.
I encourage everyone to take a weekend this summer and take advantage of
the following fairs and festivals found throughout southern West Virginia.

Durbin Days
& Heritage Festival

July
17-19

Durbin,
Pocahontas
County

Friends of
Coal Auto Fair

July
18-20

Beckley, Raleigh County

Cabell
County Fair

July
22-26

Milton, Cabell County

Cowen
Historical Railroad Festival

July
26-27

Cowen,
Webster
County

Boone County
Fair

July 28,
August 1-4

Danville, Boone County

Wayne County
Fair

July
30-August 2

Huntington Police Recreation Farm,

Wayne
County

Whitesville
Big Coal
River
Festival

July
30-August 2

Whitesville,
Boone
County

Appalachian
String Band Music Festival

July 30-August 3

Clifftop,
Fayette
County

Cherry River
Festival

August
4-8

Richwood,
Nicholas
County

West
Virginia State
Fair

August
8-16

Fairlea,
Greenbrier
County

Logan County Arts, Crafts & Antique
Festival

August
8-10

Logan, Logan County

Appalachian
Festival

August
21-24

Beckley, Raleigh County

Oak Leaf
Festival

August
28-31

Oak Hill,
Fayette
County